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THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
RENEWED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, VOA
CORRESPONDENT IN ALGIERS SENDS THIS REPORT:

A SUCCINT THREE LINEANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE OFFICIAL ALGERIAN
NEWS AGENCY, ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE AT 1659 H ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
12TH ANNOUNCED THE END OF A SEVEN YEAR PERIOD OF DIPLOMATIC
ESTRANGEMENT BETWEEN ALGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES.
THIS HAS NOT PREVENTED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES FROM FLOURISHING REMARKABLY OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.
ALGERIA APPRECIATES AMERICAN KNOWHOW AND TECHNIQUE IN THEIR
EFFORT TO INDUSTRIALIZE THEIR COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES
IS A STEADY CUSTOMER FOR ALGERIAN ENERGY.
RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEE
UNDER DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME, MOST RECENTLY DURING SECRETARY
OF STATE KISSINGER'S OCTOBER 14 VISIT TO ALGIERS, WITH THE
FINAL DECISION BEING REACHED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

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IT WAS A MOVING MOMENT FOR THE EMBASSY STAFF AND A NUMBER OF

AMERICANS RESIDENT IN ALGERIA WHEN THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS HOISTED AGAIN OVER THE RESIDENCY, A WHITE VILLA OVERLOOKING THE CITY AND PORT OF ALGIERS WHERE THE SWISS FLAG HAS FLOWN FOR SEVEN YEARS.

MR. RICHARD PARKER, AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN ALGIERS, MADE A BRIEF SPEECH AT THE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY ON TUESDAY MORNING. "WE'RE GLAD TO BE BACK AFTER SEVEN YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS" HE SAID AND "WE HOPE AND EXPECT THAT AMERICAN ALGERIAN RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO PROSPER."
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